

**Amendments to the specification:**

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 as follows:

Such a linear guiding device in which the throughgoing openings for receiving the mounting elements for the guiding rail is covered with a cover band is disclosed for example in the German patent document DE 43 11 641 C1. Occasionally it happens that in such a linear guidance device, the cover band must be applied on the guiding rail in the condition in which the guidance car is already located on the guiding rail. In this case the cover band can not be clamped on the guiding rail, but instead must be ~~slided~~ displaced on the guiding rail from its end side. It is to be understood that during passage through the region covered by the guidance car, the seal which seals the guiding rail against the guiding rail must not be damaged. The cover band therefore must be placed as flat as possible on the guiding rail. It has been shown in practice that because of this flat placement, the outwardly extending free end of the cover band may come into engagement with and can be locked in the throughgoing openings for receiving the mounting elements of the guiding rail.

On page 4, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

More particularly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a linear guidance device which is formed so that the cover band can be ~~slided~~ fitted on the guiding rail without problems when the guidance car is located on the guiding rail.

On page 9, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

A linear guiding device in accordance with the present invention is identified as a whole with reference numeral 10. It includes a guiding rail 12 and a guidance car 14 which is reciprocatingly displaceable on the guiding rail 12 in direction of its longitudinal extension L. A plurality of throughgoing openings 12b open in the upper surface 12a of the guiding rail 12. They extend from the upper surface 12a to the lower surface 12c of the guiding rail 12. Mounting screws 12d can be inserted in them for mounting of the guiding rail 12 on a ~~higher order unit~~ lower component. In Figure 1 one such throughgoing opening 12b is shown.

On page 20, please amend the abstract as follows:

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A linear guidance device has an elongated guiding rail having an ~~upper surface and~~ at least one throughgoing opening extending from the upper surface for receiving a mounting element for mounting the guiding rail on a ~~higher order unit~~ lower component.~~[[,]]~~ a A guidance car is displaceably guided on the guiding rail in a longitudinal direction of the guiding rail~~[[,]]~~. a A cover band can be attached to ~~attachable to~~ an upper surface of the guiding rail and ~~covering the at least one throughgoing hole~~, the cover band being formed so that a limiting line

of a ~~at least one of~~ free end ends of the cover band is formed so that when a point of the cover band ~~which is located in the longitudinal direction of the guiding rail at a greatest distance forwardly is in alignment~~ coincides with a boundary line of the ~~at least one~~ throughgoing opening in a selected direction ~~extending substantially orthogonally to a plane of the cover band~~, a portion of the limiting line ~~extending from the point at its side facing away from a longitudinal central plane of the cover band~~ is arranged completely outside of a boundary line of the throughgoing opening.